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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on March 6, 2003 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration and further examination are requested.

An extension to respond to the Office Action is respectfully requested. A Petition for Extension of time to respond to the Office Action and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently with this Amendment.

The listing of claims begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 7.

Please amend the application as follows: